

CLAIMS

1. An optical waveguide device comprising:
 - a substrate composed of a nonlinear optical material and
 - 5 a periodically domain-inverted structure having the same composition as the nonlinear optical material, wherein
 - the domain-inverted structure has a refractive index distribution relying on the domain-inverted structure.
- 10 2. The optical waveguide device according to claim 1, wherein the domain-inverted structure is formed by applying a voltage in a polarization direction of the substrate.
- 15 3. The optical waveguide device according to claim 1, wherein the substrate composed of a nonlinear optical material is an offcut substrate.
4. The optical waveguide device according to claim 3, wherein the substrate has an offcut angle inclined in a range of 1° to 10° with respect to the substrate surface.
- 20 5. The optical waveguide device according to claim 1, wherein the substrate is a thin film, having an optical substrate bonded via a bonding layer to one face of the substrate.
- 25 6. The optical waveguide device according to claim 5, wherein at least either the surface or a back face of the substrate is provided with a convex, and the domain-inverted structure is formed in stripes at the convex.
- 30 7. The optical waveguide device according to claim 1, wherein the nonlinear optical material is a Mg-doped $\text{LiNb}_{(1-x)}\text{Ta}_x\text{O}_3$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$).

8. The optical waveguide device according to claim 1, wherein
the nonlinear optical material is a Mg-doped LiNbO₃ crystal,
a phase matching wavelength harmonizes with a Bragg reflection
5 wavelength, and
the Bragg reflection wavelength λ satisfies a relationship of $\lambda_1 < \lambda < \lambda_2$ when $\lambda_1 = 635 + 48 \times n$ (nm), $\lambda_2 = 1.02 \times \lambda_1$ (nm) where (n = 0, 1, 2), or
 $\lambda_1 = 774$ nm + $40 \times n$ (nm), $\lambda_2 = 1.02 \times \lambda_1$ (nm) where (n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4...).

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15 $\lambda_1 = 613 + 48 \times n$ (nm), $\lambda_2 = 1.02 \times \lambda_1$ (nm) where (n = 0, 1, 2), or
 $\lambda_1 = 754$ nm + $40 \times n$ (nm), $\lambda_2 = 1.02 \times \lambda_1$ (nm) where (n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4...).

10. The optical waveguide device according to claim 1, wherein
20 the domain-inverted structure is composed of a
wavelength-converting portion and a DBR portion, and
the phase matching wavelength of the wavelength-converting portion
is equal to the Bragg reflection wavelength of the DBR portion, and a
difference between the phase matching wavelength of the
25 wavelength-converting portion and the Bragg reflection wavelength of the
wavelength-converting portion is at least 5 nm.

11. A coherent light source comprising a semiconductor laser and an
optical waveguide device according to any one of claims 1-10, where a light
30 beam emitted from the semiconductor laser enters the optical waveguide

device.

12. An optical apparatus comprising the coherent light source according to claim 11.